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APPLICATION FOR PATENT

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Title: INCREASING BIOAVAILABILITY OF CAROTENOIDS

10 This is a Continuation-in-Part of PCT/IL02/00398, filed May 21, 2002, which claims priority from U.S. Patent Application No. 09/915,527, filed July 27, 2001, now abandoned and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/292,953, filed May 24, 2001, now expired.

15 FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a novel method of increasing the bioavailability of carotenoids. More particularly, the present invention relates to methods of extracting oleoresin, increasing the content of free carotenoids in sources 20 of carotenoids rich in fatty acid esterified carotenoids, red pepper in particular. The present invention further relates to the extraction of free carotenoids from the sources of carotenoids rich in fatty acid esterified carotenoids and to food and feed additives that comprise free carotenoids.

Carotenoids, chemistry and biochemistry:

25 The carotenoids are isoprenoid compounds, with an extensive conjugated double bond system, and are biosynthesized from acetyl coenzyme-A via mevalonic acid as a branch of the great isoprenoid or terpenoid pathway (Britton, 1996). They are divided into two main classes; carotenes [acyclic (lycopene) and cyclic (β -carotene)], and xanthophylls (e.g., capsanthin). In contrast to carotenes, which are 30 pure polyene hydrocarbons, xanthophylls also contain hydroxy, epoxy and keto groups. Only plants, and microorganisms synthesize carotenoids, however they are reach by feed and food animal or human tissues, which have the ability to absorb, modify and store these compounds (Goodwin; 1980).

35 Of the over 640 carotenoids found in nature, about 20 are present in a typical human diet. Of these carotenoids, only 14 and some of their metabolites have been identified in blood and tissues (Gerster, 1997; Khackick et al., 1995; Oshima, et al., 1997).



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